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Mr. George Wuen, Director Hawaii State Department of Health P.O. Box 3378 Honolulu HI 96801

Dear Mr. Yuen:

The State of Hawaii has proposed to adopt by regulation NPDES permits issued by EPA to facilities in the State. Once the regulation becomes effective, EPA intends to revoke the federally-issued permits, except for those issued to federal facilities. This will be done in order that each permittee will have a single NPDES permit, issued by the State.

We therefore request that the attached statement, somouncing our intention to revoke the permits and soliciting comment on the proposal, be read into the record during each of the four public hearings to be held by the Department of Health on the proposed regulation. We also request that any comments received from the public concerning our proposed action be forwarded to EPA as soon as received by the Department of Health.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Pierce

for Frank M. Covington
Director, Enforcement Division

Attachment

cc: Office of Environmental Quality Control Robert Taylor, Deputy Attorney General

bc: Pacific Islands Basin Office, EPA, Region IX

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STATEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:

The State of Hawaii Department of Health has proposed to adopt by regulation NPDES permits issued by EPA to facilities in the State. Therefore, at such time as the proposed regulation, Section 33 of Chapter 37 of the Public Health Regulations of the State of Hawaii Department of Health, becomes effective, EPA proposes to take immediate action to revoke each permit issued by it to facilities in the State, except for permits issued to federal facilities. This is proposed to be done in order that each permittee will be subject to a single effective NPDES permit, issued by the State.

Written comments on this proposed action by EPA should be submitted within five (5) days from the date of this hearing to:

Hawaii State Department of Health Environmental Protection and Health Services Division 1250 Punchbowl Street Honolulu HI 96813

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